(c) Yes, Sir. M/s. Tata Consultancy Services had undertaken a diagnostic review of the working of NSC and identified areas of strength and weaknesses in order to improve the working of the Corporation. The study highlighted the following major issues :—

(i) That NSC was not efficient in most of the areas of its activities and was, thus, incurring heavy losses.

(ii) That the staff level of NSC in relation to its turn over was very high.

(iii) That the Corporation has accumulated losses to the tune of Rs. 24.51 crores by 31-3-1991 which have increased to Rs. 27.55 crores by 31-3-1992.

The major recommendations made by the Consultants for improving the efficiency of the Corporation are as follows :—

(i) Increase in production and marketing activities.

(ii) Revision of its product mix.

(iii) Adjustment of staff level to match the revised production and marketing activities.

(iv) Writing-off accumulated losses by the Government of India to improve its debt : equity ratio.

765. [*Withdrawn.*]

Crop Insurance Scheme

766. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH KALYAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any crop insurance scheme is in force;

(b) if so, in which States; and

(c) whether the scheme is proposed to be introduced in Punjab and other States where the scheme is not in force ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN) : (a) and (b) At present the Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme (CCIS) is in force in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Goa, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Meghalaya, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, West Bengal and Union Territories of Andaman & Nicobar Islands & Pondicherry.

(c) The Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme (CCIS) is a voluntary scheme. States are free to implement it in the notified area. However, Punjab and some other States have not implemented the scheme right from its inception.

Recommendations of High Power Committee on Agricultural Marketing Bodies

767. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what are the recommendations of the High Power Committee constituted to review the functioning of Agricultural marketing bodies;

(b) whether Government have accepted all the recommendations of the Committee; and

(c) the time frame to implement these recommendations ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN) : (a) The Committee has not yet submitted its final report.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Setting up of Krishi Vigyan Kendras during VIIIth Plan

768. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV :

SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the progress in the announcement made by him for setting up 270 Krishi Vigyan Kendras in different parts of the country during 8th Five Year Plan; and

(b) by when these Krishi Vigyan Kendras would come into existence and what are the details of their financial arrangement ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA) : (a) Sir, efforts are being made to get additional resources for ICAR for establishment of KVKs in 8th Five Year Plan.

(b) As soon as additional funds are made available to the Council, New KVKs will come into existence.

Role of Agricultural Universities

769. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV :

CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total land in each State provided with improved seeds for the cultivation state-wise;

(b) what is the role of the Agricultural Universities towards the improvement of seeds, soil and water management practices; and

(c) what is the cost benefit ratio for common farmers with the improved techniques of agriculture ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Mother Dairy Booths in Delhi

770. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 857 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 17th July, 1992 and state the names of the places where 35 new booths of Mother Dairy are proposed to be opened ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA) :

1.	J.J. Colony, Tigri	Already commissioned
2.	Sector iv, Pushp Vihar	
3.	Shopping Centre No. 4, Mandawali, Fazalpur	
4.	L. Block, Dakshinpuri	
5.	E. Block, Sultanpuri	
6.	Block F, Mongolpuri	Under construction
7.	C S.E. No. 1, Mandawali, Fazalpur	
8.	SC. S.C. No. 2, Mandawali, Fazalpur	
9.	Mayur Vihar Ext. Phase I	
10.	Mayur Vihar Ext. Phase II	
11.	Kalyanpuri	
12.	Block M, JJ Colony Shakurpur	
13.	Near Balbari, Opp. JJ Colony Shakurpur	
14.	Block D, Sanjay Market, Mangolpuri	
15.	Convenient Shopping Centre, Pocket B&E, Dilsad Garden	
16.	Local Shopping Centre, Block B, Dilshad Garden	
17.	Block E, JJ Colony No. II, Nangloi	
18.	Block B, Resettlement Scheme, Jahangirpuri	
19.	Block K, Resettlement Scheme, Jahangirpuri	
20.	Block 10, Dakshinpuri Extn.	
21.	Sector IX, Rohini	
22.	Block C, DDA Flats, Hastsal	
23.	Group Hsg. Societies Phase-II, Bodella	
24.	Sector 6, Rohini	
25	Sector B, Condli Gharoli Complex	